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World Class Athlete Program

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Army Athlete Profile: Captain Ryan M. Kirkpatrick



Track & Field
Distance Runner

Date of birth:
September 10, 1978

Hometown:
Hendersonville, NC

Military Occupation:
Signal Corps

Military Rank:
Captain/0-3

Capt. Ryan M. Kirkpatrick is a member of the World Class Athlete Program's Track & Field Team.

A distance runner since 1992, Cap. Kirkpatrick had two significant first-place finishes in 2002. He blazed across the finish line at the 2002 Army Ten Miler with a time of 48:35, then went on to capture the U.S. Track and Field National 10 K Championship with a time of 28:28. Capt. Kirkpatrick was part of the U.S. team, which represented the United States at the Chiba Ekiden, in Chiba, Japan in November 2002. In 2003, he had a second-place finish at the Armed Forces Cross-Country Championships in the Men's 4K and placed ninth at the U.S. Track & Field National Championships setting a personal record of 28:23.29 in the 10,000m run. In 2004, he placed fourth at the USATF 8Km Road Race Championships, and set a personal record of 13:32.46 in the 5,000 m. at Mt. SAC Relays.

A Signal Corps officer, Cpt. Kirkpatrick entered the Army on May 27, 2000, and completed the Officer Basic Course in July 2000 at Fort Gordon, Ga.

Cpt. Kirkpatrick says, "I joined the Army to go to West Point. The World Class Athlete Program is important to me because "it provides an opportunity to train full-time to get to the Olympics."

He is a graduate of West Henderson High School in Hendersonville, N.C., and the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y.

Cpt. Kirkpatrick loves his particular sport because there are no excuses, it's all on him. When Cpt. Kirkpatrick is not practicing or training he likes to read.

Personal Bests: 1,500m-3.48 (2002); 3,000m-8.11 (1999); 5,000m-13.32.46 (2004); 10 Km. – 28:23.29 (2003)

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